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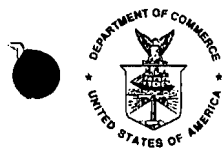
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1. Receipt of Amendment filed 19 September 2001 has been acknowledged and placed in the file. Claims 1-26 and 28-31 remain in this instant application for examination. Claim 27 has been canceled by applicant.
2. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS** from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should made an inquiry as to the status of the application.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Hieu T. Vo whose telephone is (703) 308-1951. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry C. Yuen, can be reached on (703) 308-1946. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 308-7766.
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